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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for the registered gross weight
3 limit of certain registration plates.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Sections 1307(a.1), 1338(a), 1341, 1342(a), (c)
7 and (d), 1346, 1348, 1350, 1350.1, 1351, 1352, 1353, 1354(a),
8 1355, 1356, 1357, 1358, 1359(a), 1360, 1362 and 1363 of Title 75
9 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

10 § 1307. Period of registration.

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12 (a.1) Seasonal registration.--Upon application on a form
13 prescribed by the department, the owner or lessee of a passenger
14 car, recreational motor vehicle, motorcycle, truck or farm
15 vehicle which does not have a gross vehicle weight rating of
16 more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds may register the vehicle with
17 the department for a period of successive months of less than
18 one year. The applicant shall specify the period of months

1 during which the vehicle shall be registered. Except when the
2 department initially converts a currently valid annual
3 registration to a seasonal registration, the annual fee
4 prescribed for the vehicle by Chapter 19 (relating to fees)
5 shall be paid in full by the applicant regardless of the number
6 of months chosen for registration by the applicant. Upon receipt
7 of the appropriate fee and the properly completed form,
8 including all information required by this chapter, the
9 department shall issue a seasonal registration that shall expire
10 on the last day of the expiration month chosen by the
11 registrant. No insurer of a vehicle belonging to any owner or
12 lessee who obtains a seasonal registration and who applies for
13 or receives a reduced automobile insurance premium on account
14 thereof shall be required to provide any contractual coverage,
15 whether in the form of the provision of a defense or the payment
16 of first-party or third-party benefits or otherwise, to the
17 owner or lessee in connection with any event occurring during
18 that part of the year in which the vehicle is not registered;
19 and such owner or lessee shall be treated for all purposes,
20 including, without limitation, ascertaining rights to stack
21 coverages and to uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage,
22 as a person who does not own that vehicle and has no duty to
23 carry financial responsibility on it for that part of the year.

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25 § 1338. Person with disability plate and placard.

26 (a) Person with disability plate.--On the application of any
27 person who:

28 (1) is blind;

29 (2) does not have full use of an arm or both arms;

30 (3) cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest;

1 (4) cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from,
2 a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device,
3 wheelchair or other assistive device;

4 (5) is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that
5 the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one
6 second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter
7 or the arterial oxygen tension is less than 60 mm/hg on room
8 air at rest;

9 (6) uses portable oxygen;

10 (7) has a cardiac condition to the extent that the
11 person's functional limitations are classified in severity as
12 Class III or Class IV according to the standards set by the
13 American Heart Association;

14 (8) is severely limited in his or her ability to walk
15 due to an arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition; or

16 (9) is a person in loco parentis of a person specified
17 in paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) or (8);

18 the department shall issue a special registration plate for one
19 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not
20 more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds, designating the vehicle so
21 licensed as being used by a person with a disability. Special
22 plates for persons with disabilities may also be issued for
23 vehicles operated exclusively for the use and benefit of persons
24 with disabilities. In the case of a motorcycle, the department
25 shall issue a decal containing the international symbol for
26 access for persons with disabilities for display on the
27 registration plate.

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29 § 1341. Special registration plates generally.

30 Upon request by the applicant, the department may issue

1 registration plates consisting of any combination of numbers,
2 letters or numbers and letters. These special plates may be
3 issued for special groups or for special purposes and bear an
4 appropriate designation. Special groups may charge a fee for
5 authorization to request a registration plate bearing the name
6 of the group. They shall have the same force and effect as
7 regular registration plates. The department may refuse any
8 combination of letters and numbers for cause and shall adopt
9 reasonable rules and regulations for the issuance of the plates
10 and for carrying out the provisions of this section. The
11 applicant shall comply with all laws and regulations pertaining
12 to registration including the payment of any additional fees.
13 The department is authorized to reissue a combination of numbers
14 or letters for a personal plate if the department records reveal
15 that no activity, such as renewal or transfer of the personal
16 registration plate, has occurred for a period of five or more
17 consecutive years and provided that the personal registration
18 plate was never reported as lost or stolen. Whenever the
19 department reissues an inactive personal plate, the department
20 may purge its records of all references to the previous owners
21 of that personal plate. The department shall, however, note upon
22 its records the reissuance of the personal plate and to whom the
23 plate was issued. The special registration plate may be used
24 only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight
25 of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds. If the vehicle is
26 licensed to a business that is not a member of the special
27 group, the department shall issue the plate as long as the
28 business owner or officer making application is a member of that
29 group.

30 § 1342. Veteran plates and placard.

1 (a) Severely disabled veteran plate.--On the application of
2 a veteran whose service-connected disability is certified at
3 100% by the service unit of the armed forces in which the
4 veteran served or by the United States Veterans' Administration
5 or who has a service-connected disability of the type enumerated
6 in section 1338 (relating to person with disability plate and
7 placard), the department shall issue a special registration
8 plate designating the vehicle as belonging to a severely
9 disabled veteran. The registration plate shall have a white
10 background, shall have blue numbers or letters as the department
11 may determine, shall have the words "disabled veteran" in at
12 least ten-point bold type inscribed in red at the bottom of the
13 plate and shall include the international symbol for access for
14 persons with disabilities. Only one special registration plate
15 shall be issued to a veteran under this section. It may be used
16 only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight
17 of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds. In the case of a
18 motorcycle, the department shall issue a decal containing the
19 international symbol for access for persons with disabilities
20 and the words "disabled veteran" for display on the registration
21 plate.

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23 (c) Disabled veteran plates.--On the application of any
24 veteran having a disability certified by the service unit of the
25 armed forces in which the veteran served or by the United States
26 Veterans' Administration as service-connected, the department
27 shall issue a special registration plate designating the vehicle
28 as belonging to a disabled veteran. The registration plate shall
29 have a white background, shall have numbers or letters as the
30 department may determine and shall have the words "disabled

1 veteran" in at least ten-point bold type inscribed at the bottom
2 of the plate. Only one special registration plate shall be
3 issued to a veteran under this section. It may be used only on a
4 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not
5 more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

6 (d) Prisoner of war plate.--On the application of an ex-
7 prisoner of war whose imprisonment while in the service of the
8 armed forces of the United States is certified by the
9 appropriate branch of the armed forces, the department shall
10 issue a special registration plate designating the vehicle as
11 belonging to an ex-prisoner of war. The registration plate shall
12 contain the letters "POW" and such other numbers or letters as
13 the department may determine and shall have the words "prisoner
14 of war" in at least ten-point bold type inscribed at the bottom
15 of the plate. Only one special registration plate shall be
16 issued to an ex-prisoner of war under this subsection. The
17 special registration plate may be used only on a passenger car
18 or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than
19 [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

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21 § 1346. Special plates for recipients of Purple Heart.

22 Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the
23 Purple Heart, the department shall issue to such person a
24 special registration plate designating the vehicle so licensed
25 as belonging to a person who is a recipient of the Purple Heart.
26 A severely disabled veteran, as described in section 1342(a)
27 (relating to veteran plates and placard), who is qualified to
28 receive a plate under this section may also elect to receive a
29 placard under section 1342(b). The special registration plate
30 may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a registered

1 gross weight of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

2 § 1348. Special plates for Pearl Harbor survivors.

3 Upon application of any person who is a survivor of Pearl
4 Harbor, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in addition
5 to the annual registration fee and by such documentation as the
6 department shall require, the department shall issue to such
7 person a special registration plate designating the vehicle so
8 licensed as belonging to a person who is a survivor of Pearl
9 Harbor. The special registration plate may be used only on a
10 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not
11 more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

12 § 1350. Special plates for veterans of Korean War.

13 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the Korean
14 War, accompanied by a fee of \$20, which shall be in addition to
15 the annual registration fee, and by such documentation as the
16 department shall require, the department shall issue to the
17 person a special registration plate designating the vehicle so
18 licensed as belonging to a person who is a veteran of the Korean
19 War. The special registration plate may be used only on a
20 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not
21 more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

22 § 1350.1. Special plates for recipients of Korean Defense
23 Service Medal.

24 Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the
25 Korean Defense Service Medal, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which
26 shall be in addition to the annual registration fee and by such
27 documentation as the department shall require, the department
28 shall issue to the person a special registration plate
29 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who
30 is a recipient of the Korean Defense Service Medal. The

1 department shall design and produce the special registration
2 plate. The special registration plate may be used only on a
3 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not
4 more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

5 § 1351. Special plates for veterans of Persian Gulf War.

6 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the
7 Persian Gulf War, accompanied by a fee of \$20, which shall be in
8 addition to the annual registration fee, and by such
9 documentation as the department shall require, the department
10 shall issue to the person a special registration plate
11 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who
12 is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War. The special registration
13 plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a
14 registered gross weight of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

15 § 1352. Wild resource conservation plate.

16 The department, in consultation with the Wild Resource
17 Conservation Board, shall design a special wild resource
18 conservation registration plate. Upon application of any person,
19 accompanied by a fee of \$35 which shall be in addition to the
20 annual registration fee, the department shall issue the plate
21 for a passenger car, motor home, trailer or truck with a
22 registered gross weight of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.
23 The Wild Resource Conservation Fund shall receive \$15 of each
24 additional fee for this plate.

25 § 1353. Preserve our heritage registration plate.

26 The department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania
27 Historical and Museum Commission, shall design a special
28 preserve our heritage registration plate. Upon receipt of an
29 application, accompanied by a fee of \$35 which shall be in
30 addition to the annual registration fee, the department shall

1 issue the plate for a passenger car, motor home, trailer or
2 truck with a registered gross weight of not more than [10,000]
3 14,000 pounds. The Historical Preservation Fund shall receive
4 \$15 of each additional fee for this plate.

5 § 1354. Flagship Niagara commemorative registration plate.

6 (a) Plate.--The department, in consultation with the
7 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, shall design a
8 Flagship Niagara commemorative registration plate. Upon
9 application of any person, accompanied by a fee of \$35 which
10 shall be in addition to the annual registration fee, the
11 department shall issue the plate for a passenger car, motor
12 home, trailer or truck with a registered gross weight of not
13 more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

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15 § 1355. Zoological plate.

16 The department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania
17 Zoological Council, shall design a special zoological
18 registration plate. Upon application of any person, accompanied
19 by a fee of \$35 which shall be in addition to the annual
20 registration fee, the department shall issue the plate for a
21 passenger car, motor home, trailer or truck with a registered
22 gross weight of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds. The
23 Zoological Enhancement Fund shall receive \$15 of the fee paid by
24 the applicant for the plate.

25 § 1356. Special plates for recipients of Expeditionary Forces
26 Medal.

27 Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the
28 Expeditionary Forces Medal, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which
29 shall be in addition to the annual registration fee and by such
30 documentation as the department shall require, the department

1 shall issue to such person a special registration plate
2 designating the vehicle so registered as belonging to a person
3 who is a recipient of the Expeditionary Forces Medal. The
4 special registration plate may be used only on a passenger car
5 or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than
6 [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

7 § 1357. Special plates for World War II veterans.

8 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of World War
9 II, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in addition to
10 the annual registration fee and by such documentation as the
11 department shall require, the department shall issue to such
12 person a special registration plate carrying the symbol of a
13 ruptured duck designating the vehicle so registered as belonging
14 to a person who is a veteran of World War II. The special
15 registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck
16 with a registered gross weight of not more than [10,000] 14,000
17 pounds.

18 § 1358. DARE plate.

19 The department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania
20 Commission on Crime and Delinquency, shall design a special drug
21 abuse resistance education (DARE) registration plate which
22 utilizes the DARE logo or slogan in the design. Upon application
23 of any person, accompanied by a fee of \$35 which shall be in
24 addition to the annual registration fee, the department shall
25 issue the plate for a passenger car, motor home, trailer or
26 truck with a registered gross weight of not more than [10,000]
27 14,000 pounds. The Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program shall
28 receive \$15 of each additional fee for this plate.

29 § 1359. Special plates for steelworkers.

30 (a) General rule.--Upon application of any person who is a

1 steelworker, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in
2 addition to the annual registration fee and by such
3 documentation as the department shall require, the department
4 shall issue to such person a special registration plate
5 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who
6 is a steelworker. The special registration plate may be used
7 only on a passenger car or a truck with a registered gross
8 weight of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds. The plate shall
9 bear the likeness of the official emblem of the American Iron
10 and Steel Institute.

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12 § 1360. Special plates for veterans of Vietnam Conflict.

13 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the
14 Vietnam Conflict as that term is defined for the awarding of the
15 Vietnam Service Medal, accompanied by a fee of \$20 in addition
16 to the annual registration fee and by such documentation as the
17 department shall require, the department shall issue to the
18 person a special registration plate designating the vehicle so
19 licensed as belonging to a person who is a veteran of the
20 Vietnam Conflict. The special registration plate may be used
21 only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight
22 of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

23 § 1362. Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans plate.

24 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the
25 liberation or occupation of Iraq, accompanied by a fee of \$20
26 which shall be in addition to the annual registration fee and by
27 documentation as the department shall require, the department
28 shall issue to the person a special registration plate
29 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who
30 is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The special

1 registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck
2 with a registered gross weight of not more than [10,000] 14,000
3 pounds.

4 § 1363. Operation Enduring Freedom veterans plate.

5 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the
6 liberation or occupation of Afghanistan, accompanied by a fee of
7 \$20 which shall be in addition to the annual registration fee
8 and by documentation as the department shall require, the
9 department shall issue to the person a special registration
10 plate designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a
11 person who is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom. The
12 special registration plate may be used only on a passenger car
13 or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than
14 [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

15 Section 2. Section 1364 of Title 75, amended October 24,
16 2012 (P.L. , No.194), is amended to read:

17 § 1364. Special plates for veterans.

18 (a) Honorably discharged veterans.--Upon application of any
19 person who is an honorably discharged veteran of the armed
20 forces of the United States or a reserve component of the armed
21 forces as defined in 51 Pa.C.S. § 7301 (relating to
22 definitions), accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in
23 addition to the annual registration fee and by such
24 documentation as the department shall require, the department
25 shall issue to the person a special registration plate
26 designating the vehicle as belonging to a person who is a
27 veteran of the armed forces of the United States. The special
28 registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck
29 with a registered gross weight of not more than [10,000] 14,000
30 pounds.

1 (b) Honoring our veterans.--Upon application of any person,
2 accompanied by a fee of \$35, which shall be in addition to the
3 annual registration fee and by such documentation as the
4 department shall require, the department shall issue to the
5 person a special registration plate designating the vehicle as
6 belonging to a person who is honoring veterans of the armed
7 forces of the United States. The special registration plate may
8 be used only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross
9 weight of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds. The Veterans'
10 Trust Fund shall receive \$15 of the fee paid by the applicant
11 for the plate.

12 Section 3. Section 1365(a) of Title 75 is amended to read:
13 § 1365. Gold Star Family plate.

14 (a) General rule.--Upon application of a family member of a
15 person who was killed while serving on active duty in the
16 military, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in addition
17 to the annual registration fee and by such documentation as the
18 department shall require, the department shall issue to the
19 family member a special registration plate designating the
20 vehicle so licensed as belonging to a family member of a person
21 who was killed while serving on active duty in the military. The
22 department shall design and produce the special registration
23 plate carrying the Service Flag Gold Star rimmed with blue which
24 represents sacrifice to the cause of liberty and freedom. The
25 words "Gold Star Family" shall be clearly displayed along the
26 bottom of the plate. The special registration plate may be used
27 only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight
28 of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

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30 Section 4. Section 1366.1(a) of Title 75, added October 24,

1 2012 (P.L.1282, No.158), is amended to read:

2 § 1366.1. Special plates for United States military airborne
3 units.

4 (a) General rule.--Upon application of any person who is a
5 veteran of or a member of a United States military airborne
6 unit, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in addition to
7 the annual registration fee and by such documentation as the
8 department shall require, the department shall issue to the
9 person a special registration plate designating the vehicle so
10 licensed as belonging to a person who is a veteran of or a
11 member of a United States military airborne unit. The special
12 registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck
13 with a registered gross weight of not more than [10,000] 14,000
14 pounds. The department shall design and produce the special
15 registration plate to display a set of jump wings and glider
16 wings.

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18 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.